

Minutes of the
Dodge County Highway Committee Meeting
July 2, 2015

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting of the Dodge County Highway Committee was called to order by the Chairman at 8:30 a.m. on July 2, 2015, in the Dodge County Highway building.

ROLL CALL: The following members were present – Harold Johnson, Chester Caine, Randy Grebel, Jeff Berres, and William Muche. Commissioner Brian Field, Assistant Commissioner Peter Thompson, County Administrator Jim Mielke, and County Board Chairman Russell Kottke were also present. Town of Emmet police officer Steve Allermann, Dodge County Sheriff's Department patrolman Dennis Walston, County Finance Director Julie Kolp, and Rick Saterlee of Ayres Associates were present for part of the meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by Muche and seconded by Caine to approve the agenda as presented and allow the Chairman to go out of order as needed to efficiently conduct the meeting. Motion carried.

REVIEW MINUTES OF JUNE 4, 2015: Minutes of June 4, 2015, were approved as submitted.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Rick Saterlee of Ayres Associates gave the Committee an update on the USH 151 corridor study being performed by Ayres Associates for the Wisconsin Department of Transportation.

STAFF REPORTS AND DEPARTMENT CONCERNS: Field reported on recent hiring efforts and roster concerns.

The State Transportation Budget concerns were discussed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: WCHA summer road school conference events were discussed.

APPROVE PER DIEMS AND EXPENSES: Motion by Caine and seconded by Grebel to approve per diems and expenses for Committee members for attending the WCHA conference on June 8-10, 2015 at Wisconsin Dells. Motion carried.

PROJECT UPDATES: CTH C (CTH A – Jersey Road) reconstruction project has started; CTH E (USH 151 – CTH A) repaving project is nearing completion and will reopen the week of July 6, 2015; CTH E (CTH A – Horicon) repaving has commenced on schedule; chip sealing of various county trunk highways will be completed the week of July 6th. Thompson reported on the status of the GRS bridge replacement grant projects for 2016.

CTH E DRAINAGE CONCERNS: The cross culvert on CTH E (CTH A – Horicon) in question has been installed.

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CTH S (STH 67 – CTH WS) UPDATE: Thompson reported on the current position of Wisconsin DOT officials regarding the installation of the proposed pedestrian tunnel in the Village of Iron Ridge and its impact to the timing and cost of the CTH S (STH 67 – CTH WS) project.

FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN REVIEW: The Committee previewed the 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan. County Administrator Mielke explained his proposal for funding several capital projects in the future.

ATV-UTV ROUTE REQUEST: A request from the Quad County ATV-UTV Riders Club to use various county trunk highways was reviewed. No action was taken.

DEER CARCASS DISPOSAL OPTIONS: The Committee discussed several options for the disposal of road-killed deer carcasses. This concern will be discussed further as a future agenda item.

DISCUSS SPEED LIMIT ON STH 26 (CTH Q – CTH J): Town of Emmet Police Officer Steve Allermann addressed the Committee to present concerns with the proposed speed limit change from 55 MPH to 65 MPH on STH 26 (CTH Q – CTH J) in the Town of Emmet. Numerous concerns were discussed by the Committee. A motion was made by Caine and seconded by Grebel to direct the Commissioner to draft a letter to Wisconsin DOT officials requesting the speed limit remain at 55 MPH. Motion carried.

CONSIDER AND DISCUSS PROPOSED COUNTY BOARD RESOLUTION: County Administrator Mielke presented a draft of the proposed County Board resolution to change the level by which the Dodge County Board of Supervisors exercises budgetary appropriation control in the Dodge County Annual Budget, from the business unit level to the department level. Several policy items were reviewed and explained. No action was taken.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER A RESOLUTION ADDRESSING STATE OF WISCONSIN TRANSPORTATION BUDGET CONCERNS: Motion by Caine and seconded by Muche to approve a resolution urging Wisconsin state legislators to amend the currently proposed State Transportation Budget to increase funding for local transportation needs. Motion carried. This resolution will be presented to the County Board at the July 21st meeting.

AIRPORT HANGAR LOT LEASE TRANSFER REQUEST: No action was taken.

VOUCHER PAYMENT REVIEW: Vouchers payment registers were reviewed.

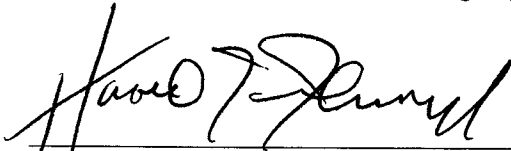
FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: The following items will be added to an upcoming meeting agenda: deer carcass disposal, ATV-UTV use of county trunk highways, and 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan review.

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NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING: The next Committee meeting will be at 8:30 a.m. on July 16, 2015, in the Juneau office.

FIELD REVIEW: There was no field review.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 11:14 a.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Harold J. Johnson".

Harold J. Johnson – Chairman

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Randy Grebel".

Randy Grebel – Secretary

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